

Toward an optimum design of NRD-guide and microstrip-line transition for hybrid-integration technology

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The newly proposed hybrid-integration technology of a nonradiative dielectric (NRD)-guide and planar structure offers an attractive alternative for designing microwave and millimeter-wave integrated circuits and systems. This paper presents an attempt with a transmission-line matrix (TLM) analysis toward accurate design and optimization of the NRD/microstrip-line transitions for the proposed scheme. Electrical performance of the transitions is studied with respect to various parametric effects such as the influence of coupling slot size, NRD and microstrip-line open-ends, as well as dielectric permittivity. Experiments with the designed transitions are made to validate our TLM analysis, as well as to demonstrate good performance. Calculated and measured results suggest that such a hybrid integration have a promising future as high-frequency building blocks.

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